

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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INFORMATION

TOPIC

Fish Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

A correction has been made the Fish Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Item from last month. District IV recommends Keokuk County receive the \$77,367.00 in funding available. Lee County was knowledgeable of this decision at the time of the review and was not expecting funding of their project. The Lee County application qualified for funding; however, it will not be funded as the funds have been expended to the higher scoring project. The correction is noted below in italics.

Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for the Fish Habitat Promotion Grant recommendations included below. The Fish Habitat Promotion grant program provides up to 90% of total project costs to county conservation boards for the development of fish habitat or acquisition of land to be used for fish habitat development purposes. This program is funded through fish habitat fees, which are paid for as part of fishing licenses and deposited in the state's Fish and Game Protection Fund.

In compliance with 571 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 35, at least fifty percent of all revenues collected as described above are distributed equally among six districts to provide funding to county conservation boards. Each district may hold its apportionment for two years; otherwise, any unobligated money is reverted back to the Fish and Game Protection Fund and redistributed equally among all districts.

The Fish Habitat Grant Review Committees, comprised of at least five county conservation board directors, met in December 2008 and January 2009 to review applications and score all of the projects in their district. A DNR district fisheries biologist was present and available, as required by the rule to provide advice, to each committee.

District 1 committee recommends funding the following two (2) ranked projects.

Tama County	\$33,120.00	Silt Pond/Fishing Pond – Hansen Addition to Otter Creek Lake & Park
Webster County	\$9,765.00	Bank Armoring – Badger Lake/J.F. Kennedy Park

District I Total \$42,885.00

District II committee recommends funding the following seven (7) projects.

Mitchell County	\$16,717.50	Turtle Creek Trout Stream
Howard County	\$31,500.00	Vernon Springs Dam Fish Passage Structure
Butler County	\$13,057.72	Camp Comfort Riverbank Stabilization
Floyd County	\$13,050.00	Idlewild Access Boat Ramp & Bank Stabilization

Chickasaw County	\$22,140.00	Ringneck Haven Shoreline Armoring
Howard County	\$18,849.15	Lake Hendricks Fish Habitat & Bank Stabilization
Franklin County	\$20,880.00	Maynes Creek Bank Armoring

District II Total \$136,194.37

District III committee recommends funding the following two (2) ranked projects.

Lyon County	\$51,030.00	Boersma Rock Rifle Acquisition
Crawford County	\$11,430.00	Yellow Smoke Park Silt Retention Structure

District III Total \$62,460.00

District IV committee recommends funding the following four (4) ranked projects.

Ringgold County	\$9,338.00	Kokesh Park Pond Renovation
Madison County	\$12,987.00	Pammel Park Fisheries Habitat Project
Montgomery County	\$39,704.00	Pilot Grove Renewal Project – Phase II
Clark County	\$15,000.00	Vawn Wildlife Area Pond

District IV Total \$77,029.00

District V committee recommends funding the following one (1) projects.

<i>Keokuk County</i>	<i>\$77,367.00</i>	<i>Sediment Basin</i>
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District V Total \$77,367.00

District VI committee recommends funding the following four (4) ranked projects.

Buchanan County	\$20,880.00	Cortright-Wapsi Fish Habitat Reconnections
Allamakee County	\$22,500.00	Phase 2-Harpers Slough Stream Bank Armoring
Jackson County	\$15,635.00	Stamp Memorial Park-Trout Pond Renovation
Linn County	\$26,797.50	Pinicon Ridge Park-Riverside Channels Fish Habitat Improvement

District VI Total \$85,812.50

The project described in the table below represents the unsuccessful grant applicants. It is provided for the Commission's information but is not recommended for funding at this time.

Kossuth County	\$45,000.00	Schuffham Land Acquisition
<i>Lee County</i>	<i>\$39,510.00</i>	<i>Pond Shore Armoring</i>

The Department recommends the Commission to approve the aforementioned projects, as described above.

Mike Mason, Interim Fisheries Bureau Chief
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